CLAIM AMENDMENTS:

Claims 1 to 16 cancelled.

17. (new) A steering column switch, comprising:

at least one control lever;
an actuating element cooperating with said control lever, said actuating element having a gate disposed on an inner side thereof;
a support;
at least one micro switch housed within said support; and
a tappet guided within said support, said tappet having a first end cooperating with said gate and a second end cooperating with said micro switch.

18. (new) The steering column switch of claim 17, wherein said actuating element can be displaced transversely or parallel to a longitudinal axis of said control lever.

19. (new) The steering column switch of claim 17, wherein said actuating element is designed as a sleeve which can be rotated about a longitudinal axis of said control lever.

20. (new) The steering column switch of claim 17, wherein said micro switch comprises a switching element having a restoring force urging said tapped against said gate.

21. (new) The steering column switch of claim 17, wherein said tappet is disposed in a radial direction in said support, relative to a longitudinal axis of said control lever.

22. (new) The steering column switch of claim 17, wherein said micro switch is disposed in said support substantially in a region of a longitudinal axis of said control lever.

23. (new) The steering column switch of claim 17, wherein said first end of said tappet abutting said gate is rounded.

24. (new) The steering column switch of claim 17, wherein said first end of said tappet abutting said gate comprises a roller.

25. (new) The steering column switch of claim 24, wherein said actuating element is designed as a rotatable sleeve or can be displaced transversely to a longitudinal axis of said control lever, wherein an axis of rotation of said roller extends parallel to a longitudinal axis of said control lever.

26. (new) The steering column switch of claim 24, wherein said actuating element can be displaced parallel to a longitudinal axis of the control lever and an axis of rotation of said roller extends transversely to a longitudinal axis of said control lever.

27. (new) The steering column switch of claim 24, wherein said roller has axle joints at front sides thereof which can be locked into recesses having open edges which are defined on said first end of said tappet.

28. (new) The steering column switch of claim 17, wherein said tappet is hollow and said second end abutting said micro switch is closed.

29. (new) The steering column switch of claim 17, wherein several gates are disposed on said actuating element next to each other in a longitudinal direction thereof.

30. (new) The steering column switch of claim 29, wherein several said tappets and associated said micro switches are disposed in said support.

31. (new) The steering column switch of claim 30, wherein said micro switches are part of a switching matrix.

32. (new) The steering column switch of claim 30, wherein said micro switches are mutually switched via a binary code.